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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 871 By Herron

A RESOLUTION to commend and congratulate the organizers and participants of the 2002 Country Music Marathon.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly recognize those international sporting events, which bring together athletes from around the world in honorable competition, while highlighting the remarkable spirit of the good people of Tennessee and the beauty of our great State; and

WHEREAS, one such phenomenal sporting event is most assuredly the Country Music Marathon which was held this year on April 27, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the 3rd Annual Country Music Marathon drew a record 11,500 competitors, which included 4,400 full-marathon runners and 7,100 half-marathon runners, and hundreds of volunteers and spectators; and

WHEREAS, showcasing the beauty and grace of our State Capital City, the 26.2 mile course of the Country Music Marathon started at Centennial Park and finished outside of Adelphia Stadium; and

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WHEREAS, with live bands and cheerleading teams from across Tennessee, the 3rd
Annual Country Music Marathon was a fun and exhilarating event for competitors, volunteers, and spectators alike; and

WHEREAS, the Country Music Marathon drew entrants from across the United States and from around the world as well as many Tennessee runners, volunteers, and thousands of spectators; and

WHEREAS, the Country Music Marathon organizers, volunteers, runners, musicians, cheerleaders, corporate sponsors, the Department of Public Works, the Police Department of Metropolitan Nashville Davidson County, and the Nashville Sports Council all worked cooperatively to make the 3rd Annual Country Music Marathon a marvelous success; and

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of the members of this General Assembly to pay tribute to one of Tennessee's most excellent annual athletic events, the Country Music Marathon, for the spotlight it shines on the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend the organizers and participants of the 3rd Annual Country Music Marathon, recognize their hard work and persistence, and congratulate them on the extraordinary success of this year's marathon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to the organizers of the Country Music Marathon our appreciation for all their endeavors and wish them every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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